

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Title on page 1 as follows:

~~METHOD OF PRODUCING~~ A SEALED TUBULAR JOINT COMPRISING LOCAL AND
INITIAL ADDED THICKNESS(ES) BY MEANS OF PLASTIC EXPANSION

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

Please insert the following heading between lines 4 and 5 on page 1 as follows:

Description of the Related Art

Please insert the following heading between lines 19-20 on page 2 as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the paragraph at page 2, lines 20-22, as follows:

[[The]] One object of the invention is therefore to improve the situation, in particular in terms of sealing stability for the various forms of loading and, more particularly, in the presence of very high expansion rates, typically greater than 10%.

Please insert the following heading between lines 22-23 on page 6 as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following heading between lines 5-6 on page 8 as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Please amend the paragraph at page 11, lines 11-16, as follows:

An annular groove G1 is also defined in at least a portion of the third inner surface SI3. Preferably, it initially comprises a substantially cylindrical central portion PC extended on either side by two curvilinear portions PC1 and PC2 C1 and C2. Preferably, these curvilinear portions C1 and C2 initially have substantially identical radii of curvature, preferably between approximately 2 mm and approximately 20 mm. However, this groove G1 may comprise only two curvilinear portions.